

**MINUTES
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met on April 8, 2026 at the Educational Services Center Boardroom, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Jocelyn Gilligan at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Jim Berthold, Vice President, Director District C
Jocelyn Gilligan, President, Director District E
Sarah Hurianek, Secretary, Director District F
Geno Lechuga, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Hadley Solomon, Member, Director District B
Jackie Weiss, Treasurer, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Meosha Babbs, Member, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Karla Allenbach, Area Assistant Superintendent
Anthony Barela, Principal, Skyline High School
Douglas Bissonette, Area Assistant Superintendent
Matt Buchler, Area Assistant Superintendent
Martha Bustillos, Translation and Interpretation Coordinator
Jamie Carius, Internship Facilitator, Innovation Center
Patrick DeCamilis, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Silver Creek High School
Connie Dewlen, Internship Facilitator, Career Elevation and Technology Center
Erick Finnestead, Principal, Silver Creek High School
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Chief Academic Officer
Odalys Loya, Translation and Interpretation Services
Louise March, Coordinator, School Support, Innovation Center
Stephanie Maturino, Translation and Interpretation Services
Chase McBride, Assistant Superintendent of Ath/Act/Fine Arts/Unified/PE
Dr. Kerri McDermid, Chief of Staff and Strategic Priorities
Tim O'Neill, General Counsel
Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety and Security

Dr. Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal, Niwot High School
Axel Reitzig, Executive Director of Innovation Programs
Heidi Ringer, Coordinator, Postsecondary Workforce Readiness
Brandon Shaffer, Executive Director, Governmental Affairs, P-TECH
Amanda Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Tony Whiteley, Chief Financial Officer

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

VISITORS (3.0)

Kara Smallwood, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – did not address the Board

Mikaela Stromquist, student, Skyline High School

Staff Achievement Recognition:

Bob Banning, Silver Creek High School Boys Basketball - Coach of the Year

Future-Ready Festival Planning Team Recognition:

Carrie Adams, Janay Bird, Kristen Brohm, Matt Buchler, Caroline Chutkow, Erick Finnestead, Greg George, Kristie Jonason, Diane Lauer, Jane Lim, Jennifer McCartney, Michael O'Toole, Richard Peebles, Dina Perfetti-Deany, Colin Rickman and Dillon Whisman.

Amanda Thompson introduced Travis Schlagel as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Lyons Middle Senior High School beginning July 1, 2026

Amanda Thompson introduced Martin (Marty) Tonjes as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Niwot High School beginning July 1, 2026

Leah Denise Padilla-Garcia, student, Longmont High School

Jesus Huerta Mosqueda, student, Skyline High School

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (4.0)

There were no members of the public who spoke to the board.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

Superintendent Dr. Jackie Kapushion provided several district updates beginning with the Pro-Start Culinary Arts Program receiving top awards at the State FCCLA competition, the

Codezone Challenge hosted at the Innovation Center, the SMART Team Symposium event at the Innovation Center, District Art Show reminder for next week, Silver Creek High School students placing first place in the Science Olympiad competition in Circuit Lab, Doing Democracy Day event, Westview Middle School earned re-designation as a National School to Watch, and many other schools recognized with Colorado Department of Education awards.

REPORTS (6.0)

P-TECH (6.1)

Brandon Shaffer and Louise March provided the Board of Education with an overview of St. Vrain Valley Schools' Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) programs, including program structure, student outcomes, and the impact of these programs on college and career readiness.

Internships with Student Certifications (6.2)

Dina Perfetti-Deany, Heidi Ringer, Jamie Carius and Connie Dewlen provided the Board of Education with a report on progress with student internships and industry certifications.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Jim Berthold moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.11. Jackie Weiss seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Minutes for the March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting, March 25, 2026 Study Session and March 25, 2026 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Lyons Middle Senior High School
5. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Niwot High School
6. Approval: Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Longmont
7. Approval: Change Order to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Contract for the Renovation Project at Niwot Elementary School
8. Approval: Easement Agreements with the City of Longmont at Longmont High School
9. Approval: Fee Adjustment to the Consultant Services Agreement for the St.Vrain Community Montessori School Project
10. Approval: Sewer Line Deposit with Wyndham Hill Metro District for High School #9
11. Approval: Fee Adjustment to the Consultant Services Agreement for the Big Sky PK-8 Project

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Meosha Babbs, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Hadley Solomon, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Contracts for Teachers/Non-Renewal Notices for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year (8.1)

Hadley Solomon moved that the Board of Education approve teacher contracts for all probationary and non-probationary teachers currently employed by St. Vrain Valley Schools, with the exception of those recommended for nonrenewal. Sarah Hurianek seconded

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Meosha Babbs, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Hadley Solomon, yes Jackie Weiss, yes].

First Reading of Board Policy BIBA - Board Member Travel, Conventions, Workshops and Other Expenses (8.2)

Geno Lechuga moved that the Board of Education adopt updates to Board Policies BIBA and BIBA-R (Board Member Travel, Conventions, Workshops and Other Expenses). Jackie Weiss seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Meosha Babbs, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Hadley Solomon, yes Jackie Weiss, yes].

Update on Conflict of Interest Exception - B Young Media (8.3)

Jackie Weiss moved that the Board of Education approve an update on the Board of Education approved conflict of interest exception for Barry Young | B Young Media. Hadley Solomon seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Meosha Babbs, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Hadley Solomon, yes Jackie Weiss, yes].

City of Longmont Twin Peaks Mall Urban Renewal Project Tax Increment Revenue Agreement

Geno Lechuga moved that the Board of Education approve the Tax Increment Revenue Agreement between the Longmont Urban Renewal Authority (LURA) and the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J as presented. Jackie Weiss seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Meosha Babbs, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Hadley Solomon, yes Jackie Weiss, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Board Reports (9.1)

Jim Berthold, Geno Lechuga, Jackie Weiss and Jocelyn Gilligan provided updates on current district programs, events and activities.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

President Jocelyn Gilligan announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held at the ESC Boardroom on April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Sarah Hurianek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Jackie Weiss seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [Meosha Babbs, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Hadley Solomon, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Hurianek, Secretary of the Board of Education

Diane Hargash, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Kristie Jonason, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on May 13, 2026